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The International Defense Acquisition Resource Management (IDARM) program within the Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) conducted a "Managing Complex Defense Projects" course in Prague, Czech Republic during 17-20 February, 2015.

The First Deputy Minister of Defence, Jiri Borovec, made the course introductory remarks citing "IDARM courses have had a long tradition in the Czech Republic....the greatest advantage of the course model is the interactive approach which combines both the theory and the hands-on tasks, procedures, and experiences in the covered topics." Organized in conjunction with the Office for Defense Cooperation (ODC) Prague and the Naval Education Training Security Assistance Field Activity (NETSAFA), this International Military Education Training (IMET) funded course examined the complexities associated with managing complex defense projects with a focus on resource management throughout the planning, implementation, and operations support phases.

Significant classroom time was devoted to application of key concepts in a real world scenario through small group discussions and a group project. Borovec stated the Czech Republic Ministry of Defence (MoD) is seeking to improve the areas of project and life cycle management like many other nations experiencing the "growing pressure to cut defense budget expenditures by increasing the effectiveness both during military equipment acquisition and the support of that equipment throughout its lifecycle." 16 participants from the Czech Armed Forces and MoD were in attendance. IDARM will continue engagement with the ODC and MoD to provide additional courses in the area of Defense Acquisition Management and Project Management.



